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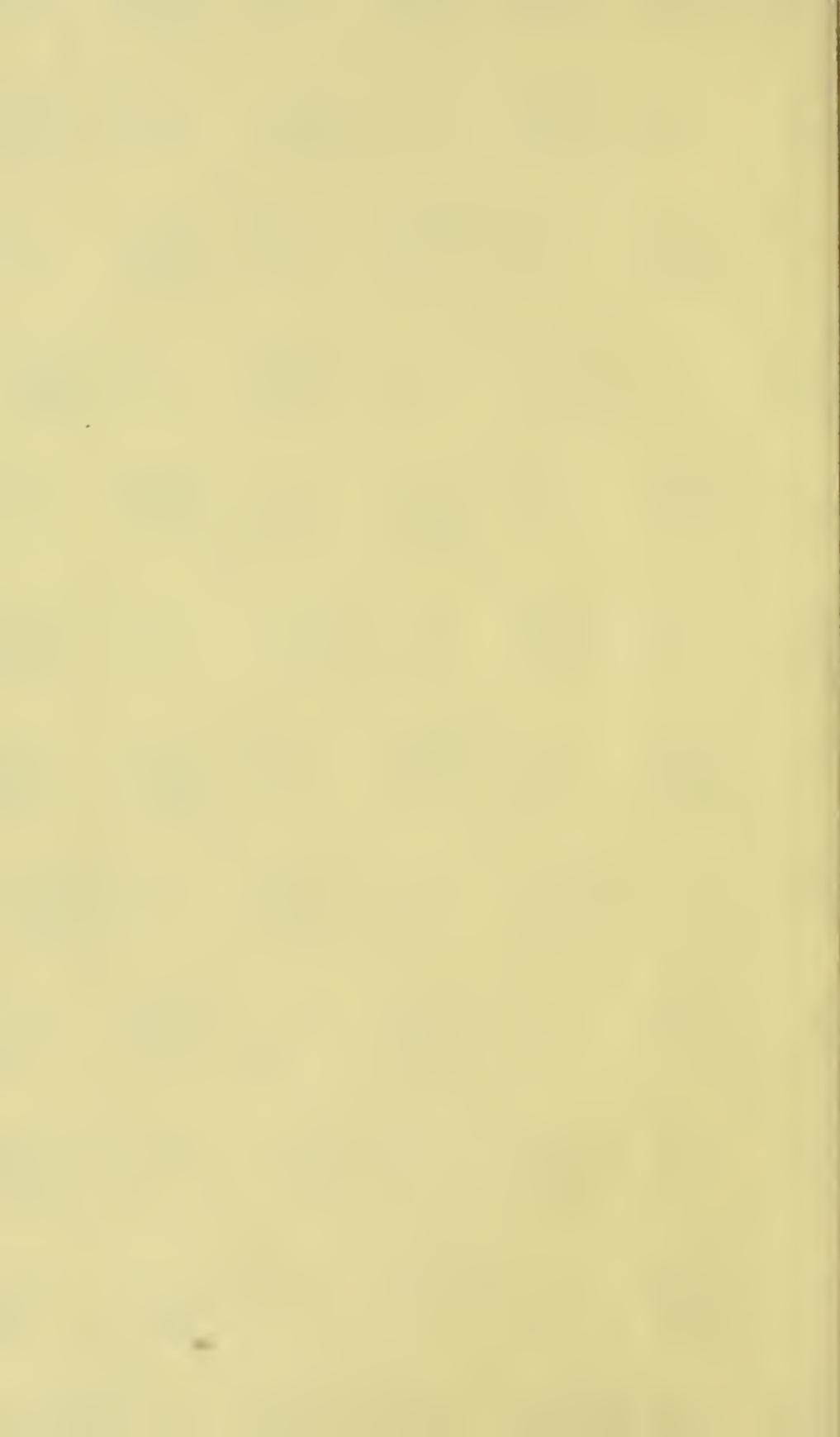
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AN ADDRESS

*To the Inveterate and Ungodly part of
Mankind.*



IN the foregoing or former treatise of the Messenger, formed upon time and education, &c., with a small light to view the advantage which arises from learning and trades, in that we discovered such a large and beautiful field, apparently decorated with a great variety of trees, plants and flowers, &c. but at the approach of the evening shades, we were obliged to withdraw, with a promise to return to the field again, and venture therein somewhat farther—and to bring therefrom some of its productions, fruits and flowers, that others may taste, smell, and view them. So that they may be induced to travel the same field, and bring therefrom fruits, that may be good for the sons and daughters of the rising generation of the children of men.

Now, with the help of God, we shall endeavour to take a slight view of mankind in his original state, and his travels through life, to-

gether with his end. In the beginning, God formed man from the dust of the earth, or as in other words, clay, but there was no life in him, until God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul.— Therefore the Lord was pleased to place him in a happy station, with wholesome laws and liberty. After some short time, God created woman, after the likeness of man, and giveth her to the man Adam, for his help-mate, and for his happiness, agreeable to his request— and there was all things added to them, that is, if they had only kept the commandments of God, they might have been happy forever, as all men and wives ought to be.

But sin, that dreadful ocean, encompassed them around, while the tide still divided them from Canaan's happy land. But those three dreadful monsters, who made their appearance in the world, soon after the creation of man, or at the time that the law was violated, those three devourers, has from thenceforward, and will continue to make great destruction and ravage upon all the living, and will until Gabriel's last awful trump shall sound, they have, and will conquer all things that is under the sun. They have conquered great and powerful nations, they have conquered empires and kings, and powerful monarchs; yea, they conquer the

rich and the poor, the great and the small, the old and young, the tyrant and his slave. I say those three combined powers will take you at an unexpected hour, and bind you head and feet, and there shall none be able to help you; and those delicate bodies, which you have taken so much pains with, to feed, to clothe and to decorate, to make them appear conspicuous in the sight of dying men. But they have forgot the Lord of hosts, who giveth every good and perfect gift; but my respected readers will please let this one remark sink deep in your hearts, that is, soon and shortly, those delicate bodies and active limbs, shall be crumbled with the clods of the valley, and to its mother earth again; therefore prepare to meet God, because your never-dying souls will then take its departure from the body and must stand before the bar of God, the great Judge of all things, in a world of spirits. It is there, all your conduct through life, shall be openly made known; it is there, we shall receive our reward, whether good or evil. So it becometh well for us to do unto all men, as we would like them to do unto us.

Adam and Eve in the garden of Paradise, at the coming of the Lord, they had sinned, were naked and ashamed, and strove to hide their nakedness with fig-leaves, and among the trees

of the garden. There are many Christians in this our day, who are in a similar condition to Adam and Eve. You had better comply with the terms of the gospel; the Lord, whose ways are past finding out, and who knows all our acts, deeds and thoughts before they are formed, he quickly knew they had violated his holy law; notwithstanding the Lord in mercy consoled them; and after that he pronounced unto them the sorrow, the trouble and misery, which should from thenceforward, befall the disobedient of all people; yet the Lord in his goodness, granted power unto men, to rule over all the wonderful works of his hands, which he created upon the face of the whole earth—over the cattle upon a thousand hills—over all the beasts of the forest and sheep of the pastures, and fowls of the air, and fishes of the sea, and all those which walloweth in the briney ocean; all trees and herbs and vegetations—they were all made for the use of mankind, to use all those things, and not to abuse them, but use them with thankfulness, knowing that the three above mentioned monsters will devour you with all those good things, &c.—yes, all the human family must return to earth, from which it is composed, &c.—yes, every soul that breathes the breath of life is earthly—they are formed of clay, either red or yellow clay, black or

white clay with other colours—the word of God, says, dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return; and all men shall die, and after death shall come to judgment.

God was graciously pleased in the creation of all things—to beautify them with a variety of colours, sizes, shape, &c. Take a view of the planetary system if you please, behold the Sun with all its force, its powers, and virtues, and strength, &c. See the Moon, in the fulfilment of its many useful and noble offices, with the number of caretors, with the many signs, &c., from the change to the full, &c. Cast your eyes upon the stars, they appear beautiful and bright, they are the mariner's guide and the shepherd's joy, and glory of many others—from whence cometh the clouds and vapours, thunder and lightning, stormy wind and rain, snow and hail, seed time and harvest, the bread, the water, and our clothing, our health and strength, with our lives, &c. It is the Lord that giveth all these things, and he can take them from us in a moment of time, therefore serve the Lord; he formed the world unknown, he gives the seas their bounds, the watery worlds are all his own, and all the solid ground.

All the above and manifold works of the Lord, they fulfil their different duties in har-

mony and love; but O wicked men, you are called upon to examine yourselves, and know whether you are performing the duties for which you were created, knowing that you are the highly favoured works of his hands, and there is much required of you, and if you do continue in well doing, and fulfilling your duty towards God and man, there is a choice promise for you; it is an inheritance in that heavenly Jerusalem, and a seat in our Father's kingdom, in that twelve gated city, which is guarded by angels, and none but the holy and pure in heart dwells there, no sin can be admitted therein.

It becometh all men to do justice and show mercy—you may have read, or heard of that ancient city, namely, Jerusalem. It was founded under the reign of the third king of Israel, namely, Solomon. We are informed, that was a wonderful, rich and large well regulated, and a flourishing city, there was none to be compared with that city throughout all the land of Judea, neither before nor since—and the temple of the living God was therein, and there they praised and glorified his holy name, from the king down to the lowest order, and while they continued faithfully in the service of the living God, it went well with them, but when they forsaked the true God, and worshipped idols, it went ill with them.

The temple of the Lord—this temple was erected upon twelve foundations, and was decorated with twelve rows of the finest and most beautiful stones. They were placed at a distance from each other with great regularity and judgment, so that they beautified the temple completely; so that travellers at a far distance could see the light, the lustre and the brightness of those stones. The first row was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedoney, the fourth an emerald, the fifth a sardonix, the sixth sardus, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth, the topaz, which is a native of Africa, and its prefiguration is, that God is no respecter of persons, and that it is his will that they shall partake of the blessings of this world and of that which is to come; the tenth stone a chrysoprosus, the eleventh, a jacinth, and the twelfth an amethyst; this concludes the number of the twelve stones, the twelve gates, the twelve tribes, the twelve apostles; and it is more than twelve thousand sermons, and the sound thereof is gone out into all the world, inviting of sinners to come to the Lord, and he that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; he that believeth not, shall be damned.

In all this we neither see, nor read, nor hear any particular remarks relative to colour, save that which stands recorded in the book of Num-

bers, 12 Chapter, and the 2d Book of Kings, 5th Chapter, ver. 20. And again, king Solomon says, "I am black but comely." This may suffice for a while; in the same time we will take a walk in our own gardens now, as there was a hint dropped relative to the idolatrous Jews; for as much as we need not go to Jerusalem to worship God, since he can and may be found in all places. We need not go to the land of the heathen to search out idolators, and a number of other abominations. The following is the real productions of our own soil and gardens; murderers, thieves and drunkards; liars, fornicators and adulterers; false swearing and evil speaking; cheating and defrauding; oppression and traffic in human flesh, keeping them in bondage, slavery and ignorance, half starved and naked; hard labour night and day, and oft times the Sabbath is spent in labour, &c. without any reward to sweeten their labours—divisions in families, and disobedient children, and a number of other evils and idols, &c. may profess to serve the living God, and yet they follow idols.

It is said, while Solomon was king of Judea, there was a great confederacy between him and Hiram, the king of Tyre, and that there is a secret in their possession, that the general bulk

of mankind have not obtained, and it cannot be obtained without money; and the most pleasing part of the human family, namely the female, have neither part nor lot in the matter, money or no money. This is a mystery, and it is pronounced a very bad note, and will not pass in this enlightened and gospel day; it might have been current under the star-light of the Law. We are informed, that Solomon worshipped many idols; it is likely that this is one of them, and it becometh the people of God to be very cautious, and not to participate therewith; but let that be as it may, we know that all the first proprietors thereof, is crumbled with the clods of the valley, and their never-dying souls is in a vast eternity, and we know not since which period, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has came into the world to save sinners: and free salvation is offered to every nation, tongue and people under heaven, without money and without price, his promise is all-sufficient for every believing soul.

And if your ears refuse the language of his grace, and hearts grow hardened like the stubborn Jews, that unbelieving race; the Lord in vengeance drest, will lift his hand and swear, as you despised my offered rest, ye shall have no portion there. O Jerusalem, there is more difference between the temporal and the spiri-

tual Jerusalem than there is between a sunshiny day, and a dark cloudy night. It must be a very desirable thing to become an inhabitant of that glorious city, since it is none but the righteous can abide there. The prophet Jeremiah sums up all the human family, and calls them in the following language: Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord, as though he beseeched you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

They who are not spiritually-minded may inquire, what gave rise or cause to the prophet to be interested, and call upon the earth in the above language, and the answer is as follows: because the spirit of the Lord was upon him, and he saw the wickedness of earth, and abominations thereof, like unto what is prevalent in this our day. There is another dark and human evil in the land; it has been remarked by some of the wise, that the population increased very fast—and there is a mixed multitude; how happened that saying, the answer is as follows:—It appears they were all of a dark hue at first, how has this great change taken place? Is it from the climate? No. Has oppression and hard labour done it? No; I fear it is sin, that has done it, that abominable and cursed evil, namely, adultery; not satisfied with trading and trafficking in human flesh, but living in adultery with

them, till tired of them, then sell them and their own children into abject bondage. The very act of adultery was death by the Jewish laws, but it is now threefold worse, because the Jews committed it under the moon-light of the law, and it is committed now, under the sunshine of the gospel. The Jews committed it with their equals, and it is committed now with the degraded slave; from such wickedness good Lord deliver us. The prophet was moved by the same spirit that Noah was, when he built the ark; he was moved by the same spirit that moved Abraham, to offer his only son as a sacrifice to God, by faith; the same spirit that Jacob, who wrestled with an angel until he became acquainted with his name and nature; the same spirit remained with Joseph, while in Egypt; the same spirit was upon Moses, when he preferred to suffer afflictions with the people of God, than to dwell in the courts of Egypt, and there be called the son of Pharoah's daughter; that wicked king, that lover of slavery, that great oppressor, who refused to let the people of the Lord go free, and serve the Lord. You may view his end; as all those who follow the same wicked practice will meet with a similar end, only ten fold worse, by reason of the gospel privileges.

My respected readers, will please peruse with carefulness, and with the understand-

ing, the 22nd Chapter of the Prophesy of Ezekiel; an inspired servant of the most high God. The predictions of the prophets was not only pronounced against the land of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but they stand good for all nations and people, so long as the world shall stand—where there is similar wickedness prevailing, there shall be greater punishments and misery upon all such nations and people.

Aaron was moved by the same spirit; so was Caleb, Joshua and Samuel; the same spirit was with king David. Now let us pause here a while, in the midst of these good men, and see if we have done all things well, to the best of our knowledge; we bear the title of Christians, we have done many good deeds, and given alms, &c. there has been and is still much doing, to aid the Greeks, and there's missionaries gone out among the heathen, to promulgate the gospel of Jesus Christ; it is very good. There is much done for the Indians, to atone for their sufferings, they may travel through the Union, under a strong protection, without molestation; this is also good; the right hand of fellowship is received by the Jews, all Europe is received with pleasure and cordiality, and their offenders is even protected, this is excellent fruit to be gathered from a christian land, and it calls

for much applause. It is true indeed, that there is a great deal doing, and very much left undone, which will be to the shame, to the sorrow and to the pain of many in a coming day; the Lord is a just God, and cannot behold sin with the least degree of allowance. It is a violation of any Christian laws, to steal, or to sell, or purchase stolen property or goods of any kind, and who-soever is found guilty in such cases, the same is tried and punished for the offence. Then how is it that great men, and wise statesmen, and ministers of the gospel, and others, together with the laws, and their own consciences and feelings, forbear crying against all these evils? How can they be asleep to such abomination, to see, to hear of, and to read the accounts of the barbarity of a part of the human family, and the purchased of the blood of Christ? O wretched man, who shall deliver us from this body of sin and death? They are stolen from their mother country, and stowed away on ship board, treated like brutes, and many are thrown overboard alive, to avoid detection. They are purchased with a full knowledge, how and from whence they came, their suffering has exceeded two centuries. It commenced when the world was in gross darkness, but now the light is come, O man, and there is no excuse for your cruelty. They can scarce go from city to city, from place to place, if it is even upon spiritual matters, and

to visit their friends, but they are molested, insulted, abused, and often times imprisoned, and continued to be hunted like the beast of the forest, or partridge upon the mountains; yes, and that in a Christian world, whose motto is liberty, &c. It is those, with a number of other sinful acts, that caused the men of God to break out in the above language. "Turn and live, for why will ye die, &c."

Solomon felt the same spirit; it was with Josiah, and all the good men until the coming of Christ, which was the fulfilment of the law, and the ushering in of the gospel, which is free for all nations and people, he wrought many wonderful miracles, he preached and teached thirty and three years; he suffered and took his flight to glory; he has left great encouragement to all those that live and die faithful, in Christ Jesus our Lord. All the Apostles and disciples was moved by the same spirit; a Peter and a Paul; they cried against all manner of sin.—The spirit moved an Asbury, a Wesley, a Fletcher, a Rogers, a Schosfield, a Shaw, a Whitfield, and an Allen, who have toiled and laboured night and day, in heat and cold, wet and dry, through much weakness and pain, through evil reports as well as good, and with false brethren, and with uneducated people, whom he found on the commons, and in the streets and alleys, and

elsewhere; and many are now become God's people, and followers of the meek and lowly Lamb; and the Lord abundantly blessed his labours. Through grace, he is bound to remain in the service of King Jesus, so long as life is spared; and after that he is sure of his bounty and reward.

An Osbond was moved by the same spirit, a McCaley, a Grover, a Jones, and S. Allen, a good man, went through perils by sea, to the mansions above; a Brown, a Miller, and a Gloucester. There are thousands of other good men, who have warned you again and again, against every evil and sinful act, and yet you will not turn to the Lord and live; they will be swift witnesses against you in the Judgment day.— All ye kings and rulers of the earth, ye judges and great men, even to the most inferior officers, it is unto you great power is given, to rule and govern, to manage and protect all people, who is under their dominion, and that to the honour, and to the glory of the most high God; therefore take care, take care, take care, as there is much given unto you, also there will be much required of you, O ye men of God, wo, wo, wo, be unto you, if ye warn not the people. Unto all priests and clergymen, pastors, elders and deacons, and all ye located men, and heads of families; each one of you, examine well first

yourselves, and then all that is placed under your care, and know that your conduct is agreeable to the will of the Lord, before whose bar we shall all appear, and all those who are determined to live to the glory of God, are in the service of King Jesus; there is no end to his reign, his kingdom endureth for ever and ever. He commands that swords shall be turned, or beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that the lion and the lamb shall dwell together, and the leopard and the calf, the wolf and the kid shall lie down together.

The Christian's weapons of war are not carnal, but mighty through faith, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, in destroying of the strong holds of Satan and dispersing of the works of darkness, and to shew forth the great and wonderful works of the most high God; yes, they are enlisted under the royal banner of love, sword of prayer, and helmet of faith, and shod with gospel grace; these, with the king on the Christian's side, they will defy all the powers of darkness, and will be able to stand bold, when the world is on fire. A word to the bigot and self-wise, if this should by chance fall into your hand, remember Solomon's words, there are persons who know every thing, and every body's business, and condemn every thing after their own judgment—take care, take care, whosoever you be, O man, and you had better pre-

pare for death and judgment, for God will surely judge you before long. Such a person is often-times more ignorant than a goose, and less useful, because it will make good food for men, and beds for his rest, &c. and through the medium of their quills, much news is conveyed from all quarters of the globe. They may be very justly compared to a wild ass colt, headstrong and unruly, and has to be governed by bridles and bits, &c. It is well for you to be careful, or you will likely stumble over your bundle of conceit, head foremost into torment; as there is more hope of a fool than for such persons. Again, a word to youth of both sexes; refrain from all bad and giddy company, be industrious, live honest, treat every person with respect, particularly the aged and grey headed; strive above all things, to love and serve the true and living God, love and obey your parents, for they have done much for you; do nothing to cause them to fret, as it is sinful, be frugal in your dress, make but little or no use of spirituous liquors, and be faithful in all things in this world, and the God of love will preserve and keep you throughout time, and save you in eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **AMEN.**

A MESSENGER.

P.S.—As time and means have not permitted the full investigation of this large field, and there being many parts yet untrodden and unseen, I have therefore some thoughts of making another trip; if so, I will strive to let you know, with the help of God, so as to give you an opportunity to go with me if you please: if not, I'll endeavour to describe some of the particulars to you for the sake of your souls, as they are in much danger, these three monsters being close at hand, and almost at the thresholds of your doors; they will tear the husband from the wife, and the father from his children; the tyrant from his slave, and the slave from his suffering. These three, as stern officers, shall bring all mankind before the judgment seat of the King of kings, and when Gabriel's awful trump shall sound, the nations that have been lying dead for thousands of years, their dusty bodies shall rise and come to judgement.—Then hear the word of the Lord, as we are living under the last dispensation—at the appearance of that great and mighty angel—all things will end !!! Then those three monsters will be fully satisfied; they will rest—namely, time, sin & death! They shall have no power over the righteous and those who have lived free from all the evils which is forbidden in the holy law, and have continued in grace fulfilling of our duties to all

mankind, and die triumphing in the faith which was in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. All those shall be caught up into the kingdom at the first sound of the trumpet, and there to rejoice for ever and ever. But O, where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear? There shall be a line of distinction drawn in that awful day, between the righteous and the wicked, the latter shall be termed goats, yea, all and every one who is guilty of any one of the above mentioned evils, or any other sinful acts, they shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous, but shall stand at the left hand of the great king of glory, there to receive their awful sentence, without respect or partiality, the rich and the poor, the great and the small, the young and the old, the white and the black, the gaudy and the gay; they shall all go away into utter darkness, where there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth, and into the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, for ever and ever—never to return again.

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